Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks, April 11 - Farmers are behind with their work. Soon be time to plant corn.

A very tragic accident hit Appomattox on Friday, April 8, when Emma Hogan was killed in an automobile accident. Deepest sympathy is extended the families involved.

Roland Smith was buried on Sunday afternoon at New Hope Church. Sympathy extended these loved ones.

The Moore funeral was held on Monday p.m. Sympathy is extended these loved ones. Mrs. Moore is in a wheel chair.

Mrs. W.B. Williams of Richmond spent last week with relatives at Pamplin.

Thomas Caldwell died at Babcock nursing home on Tuesday. He was a resident of Pamplin where he lived for many years. He was in Pamplin on Sunday.

Sympathy goes out to this family. He was a brother of Mrs. Margaret Marshall of Rt. 1, Appomattox.

Bill Caldwell Jr. returned home from Martinsville Wednesday night after attending the fumeral of his mother on Saturday, April 9.

A number from here attended the funeral on Saturday there.

Sympathy extended this family and relatives.

Mr. Luther Nash is doing much better. May he continue to improve fast.

A lingerie shower was given Debbie Roach, bride-to-be, in the home of Susan Morris April 9. The shower was given by Debbie's sisters Cindy Shorter, Patty and Jennifer Roach who will be attendants in the wedding on May 21 at 4 p.m. in the Rocks Baptist Church.

Larry Williams of Waynesboro called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Roach on Wednesday afternoon. Also Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. Dave Childress.

Revival will begin at Rocks Church on April 24 and continue through April 28. Terry Sharpe of Richmond will be the guest speaker. Special music each night. Everyone is invited. Time is at 7:30 p.m.

Jack Hodge continues ill at Charlottesville hospital. May he have a speedy recovery.

Get well wishes go out to Otis Allen who continues ill.

Glad Rev. W.H. Elder is doing much better. Hope he will be out soon.

Lloyd Richardson will enter Lynchburg General Hospital Thursday afternoon for surgery on Friday at 8 a.m. May he have a very quick recovery.

Rev. T. E. Goad was buried in Lynchburg on Tuesday afternoon. He was former pastor at the Evergreen field of churches in the Appomattox Association from 1927 to 1930. Sympathy goes out to his wife and children.

The Friendship Circle will meet with Florence Ranson on May 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

The Associational W.M.U. Meeting will meet at Evergreen May 5 at 5:30 p.m. A covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Make plans to attend.

A number attended the Thomas Caldwell graveside funeral with Masonic rites at Prospect Methodist Church cemetery on Thursday p.m. Sympathy is extended the family and relatives.

A number went to Keysville Nursing home on Tuesday night.

A number attended the spring meeting of the Appomattox Association at Cullen on Tuesday night. Special music was rendered by a group from Rocks Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Mrs. Annie Webb who won the birthday cake from Food World on Friday.

Some were trying to plant something in their gardens this week.

Time change will soon be here again.

A speedy recovery is wished Henry Earl Covington who continues ill in Charlottesville hospital.

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The South 40

Alfalfa weevil is target

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The spray rigs hit the alfalfa fields last week to bring the alfalfa weevil under control. Some years there is a heavy infestation while other years damage is light.

This year it appears that we have a heavy infestation. Perhaps the alatively mild winter played a part. These past several weeks have been wet, but temperatures have been relatively high allowing the weevil eggs to hatch.

If you are going to spray, do it before the plants get too high, but at least 50 percent of the tips should be damaged.

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There has been one report each from Florida and Georgia of blue mold in the plantbed. No fungicide had been used. Because of wet weather, very little tobacco has been transplanted in those states, causing plantbeds to have prolonged use. Pythium damping-off is quite heavy.

A limited number of blue mold occurrances have been reported from Honduras, Cuba and possibly Haiti. There are no reports of restistant strains of bluemold to Ridomil.

Weather conditions are favorable for blue mold in this area. The wind paterns are also ideal for bringing in spores.

Our recommendation is, if above average rainfall continues and the use of plantbeds exceeds 70 days past the time of applying Ridomil--apply an additional application of Ridomil plus a protectant fungicide to control blue mold and damping-off. Refer to your production guide for specific directions.

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Prices of feeder steers, two weeks ago, were up $1.50 in the special sales over the first week.

Feeder prices have lagged and were hit with a major negative blow after the announcement on feed grains in the PIK program. Other things equal, a 10c per bushel increase in corn prices means approximately a $1.25 per CWT reduction in feeder cattle prices. Good news (higher prices) for grain producers is not necessarily good news for the cattle producers.

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If you have apple trees planted one or two years ago--they need special attention to develop a good skeleton frame. Spacing sticks with a nail in each end are useful in helping the [illegible] proper form.

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Don't overlook the April 30 deadline of controlling (destroying) wheat if it was put in the PIK program. This will be easy to overlook and penalties are heavy.

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A new product called Bovilene injected subcutaneously will cause heifers to abort. Pregnant heifers are ohe commodity a feedlot operator or stocker operator doesn't need. This material must be used before 150 days of pregnancy.Tests show heifers treated with this product seldom go off feed. Abortion occurs two to eight days after treatment.

Don't let up on supplemental feeding of magnesium oxide to prevent grass tetany.

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As a safe-guard dairy and beef owners may want to consider using a brand for identification of cattle. Brands can be registered for ownership. Cost is $10, renewable every three years. Freeze or hot brands can be used.

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Mark your calendar: July 8 Animal Industry Day-Virginia Tech; July 30 Farm Management Tour - Franklin County.

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You are probably aware that the Farmville and Blackstone Livestock Markets have ceased operation.

As a result of the closing, there are consignors who are holding custodial account checks that are being honored by the bank. In order to assist livestock producers in filing a claim on the market's bond or trust fund agreement, personnel from the USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration will be in Blackstone, Virginia, April 20-22, 1983, at the Citizen's National Bank and Trust Company beginning at 9 A.M.

If you have a claim to file, you are urged to make the claim at this time.

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The feeder cattle sale, last Thursday, was up significantly--steers topped out at 84c, while top heifer prices were 65½c. There were 996 steers and 47 heifers marketed.

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The moist weather is ideal for the development of slug problems. These critters can be a serious problem in tobacco plantbeds. They work at night and, therefore, seldom are seen. If they are present, you may observe feeding on plants and a slime trail that has a shiny, silvery appearance.

There are two treatments--first, hydrated lime placed in a 3 to 4 inch band around the plantbed in the late afternoon. Second, metalehyde bait placed around the beds, but not in direct contact with the tobacco seedlings.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

The annual East Central District 4-H Senior Contest will be held Saturday at the Appomattox County High School. Senior 4-H members from a 19-county area will participate in this event. Included in Saturday's events will be presentations, Share-the-Fun, Public Speaking, Barbequeing Chicken, Archery Skills, Auto Skill Driving, Fashion Revue, etc. Each of the District Contest winners will have the opportunity to compete in the State 4-H Contest in June at Virginia Tech.

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Nearly 50 Appomattox 4-H'ers (ages 9-13) participated in the annual area Junior/Intermediate Contest last Saturday at Rustburg Middle School. 4-H'ers from Bedford, Amherst, Halifax, Campbell and the City of Lynchburg also took part in the program.

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We are still seeking potential host families for the Interstate Exchange Program to be held the week of July 18-24. Approximately 15 teenagers and three of four chaperones from Bailey County, Texas will be visiting in Appomattox during the first part of the exchange program. While in Appomattox the Texas folks will be staying with local 4-H families. During the summer of 1984 a group of Appomattox 4-H'ers will travel to Texas.

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4-H Camp applications have been distributed to interested members. Appomattox 4-H'ers will attend camp at Holiday Lake during the week of July 4-8. The last day to sign up to attend camp is June 10. Last year nearly 200 4-H'ers from Appomattox attended camp.

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Volunteer leaders are still needed to help with the summer's 4-H Camp program. Please call us at the Extension Office if you would like to help. It will be a tiring, but rewarding week. In 1982, ten adults volunteered their time to assist with camp.

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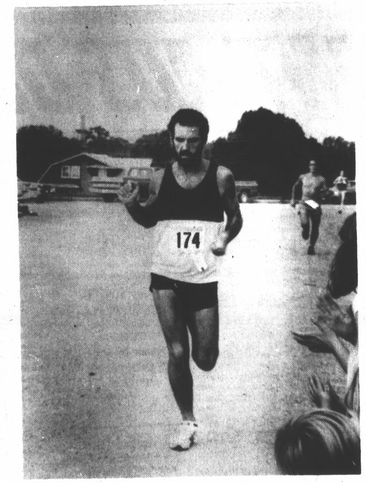
"It's Milk for Me" is the theme for the 1983 June is Dairy Month Poster Contest. Each 4-H'er is encouraged to enter this program which is sponsored by the American Dairy Association. Posters are due by May 20 and should be 14" x 22" which is one-half of a standard sheet of posterboard. The purpose of the poster contest is to help young people learn aobut the importance of dairy products.



ROBERT E. PANKEY, local runner, along with two co-workers from Babcock and Wilcox, Dr. Bernie Davis and Dr. Jim Freim, made the Run for Cancer this past weekend. Leaving Lynchburg at 2 a.m. Saturday, April 16 the group headed for Richmond. Although the trio of runners did not complete the entire run, it was a successful venture. Pankey ran a total of 62 miles in ten and one half hours. Davis completed 62 miles and Friem ran 80. Individuals were invited to make pledges either by the mile or lump sum to be donated to the local Cancer Crusade. As yet, the total amount of money collected has not been determined, according to Daniel Stratton, Chairman for the Appomattox County Cancer Crusade.

AMS project set

Residents of Appomattox County

We are fortunate to have families such as yours in our community. This year we are going to try a new money-making project. Appomattox Middle School is seeking to raise monies for materials and supplies for the school.

We have found a great way to raise these funds. We are providing Family Portraits. We will make available an 11 x 14 Family Portrait for only $5.00. These Family Portraits will be taken by School Pictures, Inc. We will sell certificates to our friends, relatives and neighbors. Only one certificate per household is allowed, but additional pictures will be made available of various family members should they desire extra prints.

Our campaign will begin on April 18th and all coupon stubs and money need to be turned in by Monday, April 25th. The photographs will be taken on **Sunday, May 1st between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m.** They will be taken at the Appomattox Middle School library. The finished portraits may be picked up at the same place on May 22nd. Tickets may be purchased through the A.M.S. S.C.A. Stubs must be returned.

Thank you for your support! If you should have any questions, please call Mr. Vic Meadows at 248-5316 (after 4:00 p.m.). Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Victor L. Meadows
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Festival board says 'thanks'

Letter To The Editor

On behalf of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful people in our community for once again supporting the Railroad Festival. Our "Spring Dance for the Fall Festival" held on April 15th was a tremendous success! We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets to this dance and supported us in other ways. We all enjoyed the good music provided by a local band, "Silver Steel", managed by Dink Lucado.

A special thanks to the Mitchells at Elliott Florist for letting us use their bud vases to decorate the tables with spring flowers. Also thanks to Dean Smith, Barbara McLaughlin, Helen Coleman and Marion Carter for providing flowers.

Without the continued support of the community, the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival would be an event of the past. Thanks again to everyone for supporting our efforts to raise money for the Festival which will be celebrating its 11th year in October.

Sincerely,
Nelwyn Morris & Sarah Summers
Dance Co-Chairmen

On giving blood

Thoughts From A Blood Donor's Table
by Eldon Weisheit

I give my blood.
Christ gave his.
I give a pint.
He gave all.
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The nails were large, dull.
The table soft, relaxful.
The cross rough, painful.
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The soldiers cruel, mean.
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Mine is for O positive.
His for positively all.
Mine, at best, will prolong a life, for a while.
His, without doubt, can save all, forever.

"The Easter season has passed, for this another year, but let's hope that the real meaning of Easter will live in our hearts through the whole year. Christ made the greatest sacrifice, which we are not asked to do, but let's think about and try to do all that we can for our fellowman. For those of us who can give blood, it's one of the easiest ways of doing a great service for mankind. Please give blood on April 26, at Liberty Baptist Church, from 12 noon until 6 p.m.", said Mrs. Alice C. Martin, chairman of Appomattox County Blood Services Program.

Gospel sing slated

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